

Mikulski	Rockefeller	Wellstone
Murray	Sarbanes	Wyden
Reed	Schumer	
Reid	Torricelli	

## NOT VOTING—5

Feinstein	Grams	Lieberman
Gorton	Helms	

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote, and I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

#### ENACTMENT OF CERTAIN SMALL BUSINESS, HEALTH, TAX, AND MINIMUM WAGE PROVISIONS—CONFERENCE REPORT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate on the bill H.R. 2614 "To amend the Small Business Investment Act to make improvements to the certified development company program, and for other purposes," having met, have agreed that the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with an amendment, and the Senate agree to the same, signed by a majority of the conferees on the part of both Houses.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will proceed to the consideration of the conference report.

(The report is printed in the House proceedings of the RECORD (Part II) of October 25, 2000.)

#### MAKING CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the continuing resolution, that no amendments be in order, the vote occur immediately; that following the vote the time be divided as follows: 15 minutes under the control of Senator MCCAIN and 30 minutes under the control of Senator HARKIN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will state the joint resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 116) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, this will be the last vote of the night. We will then be on the Tax Relief Act conference report.

Of course, Senators have indicated that they wish to speak on that, and perhaps other subjects. The pending business then will be the Tax Relief Act conference report.

But this will be the last vote tonight.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

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There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The question is on passage of H.J. Res. 116.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from Washington (Mr. GORTON), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. GRAMS), and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. HELMS), are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from North Carolina (M. HELMS) would vote "yea."

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) are necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber who desire to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 94, nays 1, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 287 Leg.]

## YEAS—94

Abraham	Enzi	Mikulski
Akaka	Feingold	Miller
Allard	Fitzgerald	Moynihan
Ashcroft	Frist	Murkowski
Baucus	Graham	Murray
Bayh	Gramm	Nickles
Bennett	Grassley	Reed
Biden	Gregg	Reid
Bingaman	Hagel	Robb
Bond	Harkin	Roberts
Boxer	Hatch	Rockefeller
Breaux	Hollings	Roth
Brownback	Hutchinson	Santorum
Bryan	Hutchison	Sarbanes
Bunning	Inhofe	Schumer
Burns	Inouye	Sessions
Byrd	Jeffords	Shelby
Campbell	Johnson	Smith (NH)
Chafee, L.	Kennedy	Smith (OR)
Cleland	Kerrey	Snowe
Cochran	Kerry	Specter
Collins	Kohl	Stevens
Conrad	Kyl	Thomas
Craig	Landrieu	Thompson
Crapo	Lautenberg	Thurmond
Daschle	Levin	Torricelli
DeWine	Lincoln	Voinovich
Dodd	Lott	Warner
Domenici	Lugar	Wellstone
Dorgan	Mack	Wyden
Durbin	McCain	
Edwards	McConnell	

## NAYS—1

Leahy

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The joint resolution (H.J. Res. 116) was passed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arizona.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote and I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

#### ENACTMENT OF CERTAIN SMALL BUSINESS, HEALTH, TAX, AND MINIMUM WAGE PROVISIONS—CONFERENCE REPORT—Resumed

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SESSIONS). The Senator from Arizona.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I want to read some headlines from newspapers across the United States commenting on our work:

"Congress' Pork Roast" The News and Observer (Raleigh, NC)

"Imaginary Numbers Game: Congress Pork-Barrel Is Eroding The Surplus" The Record (Bergen County, NJ)

"Congress Rolls Out The Pork-Barrel Election, Surplus Bring Free Spending" The Florida Times-Union (Jacksonville)

"Costly Delay: Politics Prompts Capitol Hill Feeding Frenzy" Telegram & Gazette (Worcester, MA)

"Bellying Up To A Pork Barrel" The Christian Science Monitor

"Dollars Flying In Congress' Flurry Of Final Spending" USA Today

"Congress Has Last-Minute Pork Feast" Chattanooga Times

"Spending Bill Fat With Pork: Both Parties Engaged In Budget-Busting Spree" The Houston Chronicle

I am saddened by these headlines because of the damage such words do to the reputation of our governmental institutions. But I am also angered by them.

Why? Because we are deliberately, of our own free will, spending the surplus and jeopardizing future prosperity.

With this year-end spending blitz, Congress and the President have blown away the last remaining vestiges of fiscal discipline that, for a brief, very brief moment in time, had put the brakes on the spending frenzies that all too often engulfed our Capitol and contributed to our huge national debt, which stands today at \$5.7 trillion.

Tens of billions in pork barrel and special interest spending have been packed into these appropriations bills, as well as numerous provisions pushed by Capitol Hill lobbyists that the American public will not know about until after these bills become law. In fact, Dan Morgan of the Washington Post aptly characterized this well-coordinated, last minute lobbying offensive as "high noon at Gucci Gulch."

I regard such a spectacle as demeaning to our Government.

U.S. News & World Report, October 23, 2000:

Nearly two weeks past its promised departure date, Congress remains in Washington, locked in a standoff with the White House and mired in its own disarray over the Federal budget. And as the dealing crackles up and down Pennsylvania Avenue and across the Capitol Rotunda, the shenanigans are going to cost a staggering amount of money. By some estimates, if the spending increases continue at the current pace—nearly twice the rate of inflation—the non-Social Security surplus could be eliminated in less than 5 years.

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